IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING INTRA-PERICARDIAL

ACCESS

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated June 30, 2006, entry of the amendments is respectfully requested.

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The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies and credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 13-2546.